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1. The installation, called DF station by a Soviet foreman, was about 800 meters north of the Sverdlovsk ($60^{\circ}58'N/56^{\circ}48'E$) - Kamensk ($61^{\circ}54'N/56^{\circ}26'E$) road and 1,000 meters east of the village of Istok, Sverdlovsk Oblast.
2. The installation consisted of the central station and two DF stations, the latter only surveyed. (For location see Annex 1).
3. An excavation, about 2.70 meters deep and 15 meters in diameter, with eight ditches, each about $2\frac{1}{2} \times 0.80 \times 2.70$ meters in the form of a star, was made near the central station. A cement pedestal, about 4 meters high and 5 to 6 meters in diameter, was set up in the center of the excavation. The pedestal had four sewer-like openings, each about 30 cm square and about 5 to 6 meters long, which connected the opposite ditches (see Annex 2).
4. Soviet commissions of between 8 and 10 MVD officers, including 50 percent field officers headed by a colonel, arrived from Sverdlovsk every two or three days.

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an about 30-meter tower was to be erected above the excavation. Upon completion of the excavation work, the Pws had to leave the site and were no longer allowed to enter it. The last period of observation was November 1948. A high-tension line was laid from the road to the central station and connected with an underground line at the road. The line was a quad cable of aluminum-like wire, 12 mm in diameter, the wooden poles were set up 50 meters apart.

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in previous reports. It is, however, doubted whether it is a conventional DF station. If the preparatory work was correctly described the establishment of a long-range transmitter station should be assumed.

2 Annexes: 1. Istok DF Station
2. Plan View of Excavation Work for the
Istok Mi Central Station

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